Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 noon, on Saturday the 21st Kumbhom 1091/4th March 1916.

Present.

Dewan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nair Esq., B. A. & B. L., Dewan.....*Presiding.*
A. J. Vieyra Esq., B. A.
V. Subba Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
R. Mahadeva Aiyar Esq., B. A.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
K. Parameswaren Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. G. Sesha Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
C. P. Thomas Esq., B. A. & L. T.
A. M. Kumara Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
T. K. Velu Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
K. Narayanan Pandalay Esq., B. A. & B. L.,..... ....*Secretary.*

THE DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS AND PESTS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar said that the Bill as it stood empowered the Government to prohibit the *importation* into Travancore of any insect, fungus or other pest likely to be destructive to crops. But, as it was since brought to notice that plant pests *existed* in Travancore itself, Mr. Subba Aiyar thought it desirable to have a more comprehensive Bill on the subject, providing for the destruction of such pests as existed within the State, as well as for the prevention of the importation of pests from outside. Mr. Subba Aiyar therefore moved for permission to withdraw the present Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

THE GAME AND FISH PROTECTION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar introduced a Bill to amend the Game and Fish Protection Regulation, XII of 1089, and said that, when the Regulation was passed, the Fishery Department was not organised. Since the organisation of that Department, it had been found necessary to empower its officers to call for and inspect the licenses, etc., issued under the Regulation. Mr. Subba Aiyar added that, in the working of the Regulation, it might be found necessary to grant similar powers to other officers also. He therefore moved that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar said that that being a very small amending Bill, there was no necessity to refer it to a Select Committee. He therefore proposed that the operation of the ordinary Rules of business be suspended, so that the provisions of the Bill might be considered by the Council immediately.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

When the consideration of the Bill was over, Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

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